

Amendments to the Specification

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the Title at page 1, line 2:

-- This application claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/EP03/07328, filed July 8, 2003, which was published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on February 12, 2004 in English and which claims the benefit of French patent application No. 0209787, filed July 26, 2002.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 1, line 4:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 2, line 3:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Please **add** the following **new** paragraph after the paragraph ending at page 4, line 22:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

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-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --